

on National Agriculture Day. Today, we give thanks not only for the bountiful harvests that bring our daily bread, but also for the courageous and industrious men and women who reap them.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim March 20, 1990, as National Agriculture Day. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twentieth day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fourteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Editorial note: For the President's remarks of Mar. 20, 1990, on signing Proclamation 6110, see the *Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents* (vol. 26, p. 448).

Proclamation 6111 of March 30, 1990

United States Naval Reserve Month, 1990

*By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation*

On March 3, 1915, the Congress enacted legislation establishing the Federal Navy Reserve. That act has enabled the United States to remain at a high level of military preparedness in times of peace, as well as in times of crisis.

Hundreds of thousands of Americans have served this Nation proudly and ably as Naval Reservists. More than 600,000 Naval Reservists rallied to action during World War I. During the Second World War, when the United States was embroiled in a life-and-death struggle to defend freedom and democracy from the brutal forces of totalitarianism, 80 percent of our Naval personnel were reservists. Whenever the lives of innocent people have been threatened, whenever any of our other national interests have been at stake, our reservists have demonstrated clearly their value as part of America's fighting forces.

During the Berlin Crisis, the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, the Mayaguez incident, and in Grenada, the Persian Gulf, and Panama, Naval Reservists consistently played vital roles in advancing our national objectives. Yet they have also provided invaluable assistance to their country during nonmilitary emergencies. For example, in the aftermath of Hurricane Hugo and the devastating 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake that struck the San Francisco Bay area, hardworking Naval Reservists were on the front lines of relief efforts.

The men and women of the Naval Reserve boast a long tradition of courageous and dedicated service to their fellowman. As we enter a new decade and a new century, their operational readiness will continue to be critical to our Nation's security and well-being. That is why, as we salute all Naval Reservists, we also pay tribute to their families

and employers—their generous support and encouragement help our reservists to fulfill the dual role of citizen-sailor.

In honor of the thousands of Americans who have served this country as U.S. Naval Reservists, and in grateful recognition of those reservists who have given their lives in the line of duty, the Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 266, has designated March 1990 as "United States Naval Reserve Month" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this occasion.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim March 1990, the 75th anniversary of the Naval Reserve, as United States Naval Reserve Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fourteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6112 of April 5, 1990

National Safe Boating Week, 1990

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

We Americans have been blessed with some of the most beautiful and accessible lakes, rivers, and coastal waters in the world. It is our good fortune to have the freedom and ability to use these areas for our personal recreation and enjoyment.

Every year, increasing numbers of Americans purchase or rent boats and utilize our marine resources. The growing popularity of boating and related water sports is placing a great demand on the Coast Guard and other government agencies and voluntary organizations that strive to ensure the safety of the boating public. Thus, during National Safe Boating Week, in a concerted effort to save lives and protect our marine environment, dedicated men and women across the country work to give their fellow Americans the knowledge and skills they need to become safer and more responsible boaters.

Offering wise counsel under the theme, "Know Before You Go," qualified volunteers and professionals are encouraging boaters to learn more about their craft and how to operate them safely. A pilot must have thorough knowledge of his or her vessel and the rules and courtesies of navigation. Every boater should know how to identify and operate safety equipment, and every pilot should carefully inspect and maintain such equipment. For example, life jackets should be routinely checked, tested, and properly fitted. All boaters should know the marine environment in which they will be operating, as well as the prevailing and forecasted weather conditions in the area. They must also know and accept their personal limitations, as well as their responsibility to obey the law and protect the safety of passengers and other boaters.